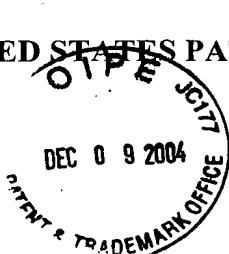


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In re Application of

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Filed: October 31, 2003 Examiner: Chukwurah, Nathaniel C.

For: BOX NAILING MACHINE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	AFTER AMENDMENT	PREV. PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	FEE DUE
Total Claims	23 -	20	= 3	x \$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Indep. Claims	4 -	3	= 1	x \$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$350.00

A check in the amount of \$350.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-23 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-3 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 4-23 are added. Claims 1, 4, 11, and 15 are independent.

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